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Thursday, March 25, 2010
3:22 PM

Glacier Bank of Whitefish
March 25, 2010 3-5 pm
Attendees:

DNRC CG members	☐ Mike Collins	☑ Steve Lorch	
	☑ Brian Manning	☐ Greg Poncin	☑ Bob Sandman
FWP CG members	☑ Dave Landstrom	☐ Other	
FGP CG members	☑ Nancy Woodruff	☐ Fred Jones	
	☑ Mike Jopek		
City CG members	☑ Karl Cozad	☐ Mike Jenson	
County CG members	☑ Jim Watson	☐ Other	

Meeting Convened at 3:05

Minutes adopted unanimously

Group decided to focus meeting on scope of work and contract

Review Scope of Work items, telephone conference with Marty Zeller, Conservation Partners. Marty summarized the work items in the proposal.

1. Assessing current opportunities
2. Meet with constituents
3. Make recommendations to Core Group
4. Refine and define
5. Present framework to public
6. Negotiate interests identified by core group and endorsed at public meeting
7. Sign conditional agreements--pending final approval by governing body
8. Public meeting
9. Land Board approval
10. Optional --additional negotiation
11. Optional--annual review

Comments:	Include beneficiaries specifically as a stakeholder in the meetings with constituents
#5	Don't limit the name of the community entity as "conservation". Use "stewardship entity" as it is broader and encompasses more options.
#12	Too much time devoted to Land Board. If we get this right, there should be not problem with the LB. Important work will be with local and state officials, not with Land Board. Want more time vetting up from to make sure that have the agreements of the governing bodies. Add to public meeting time frame, meetings with study session with governing bodies. City meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. Jim Watson directly reports to commissioners.
Deliverables	Deliverables--1) letters of interest for 1 or more transactions in the subareas. But also need, 2) description of how the million dollars will be used and how leveraged. 3) Economics--will have to have the numbers to demonstrate it. There will be an issue with appraisals--when and where.
Economic benefits of recreational use	Mike Jopek also wants to look at recreational use economics. What are the economic benefits of recreational uses. Have to demonstrate market value of the use--DNRC is having internal discussions about revenue. Question is what is the "measure of success?" How
	Add market value research of recreation to the research agenda. Is it full market value?

Marty asked for baseline resource revenue to make sure proposed uses are improving the revenue stream to the state.	

Follow up discussion about Marty's proposal: concern about MEPA happening as much as possible up front. Sooner put uses on the table, better able to do more MEPA. Discussion about thinking through hypothetical campsites on Murray Lake. What kind of MEPA required? When required? How would tiering to existing analysis work? Diane offered to leave the room to allow the core group members to have an executive discussion about the proposal and whether and how to move forward.

Discussion continued re: how to keep the process streamlined. One idea is to have MEPA on the agenda for every meeting and to think about how and where we can make analysis more efficient.

Nancy asked where the money will come from? Bob says willing to use some of the million to make it happen. The idea is that if we do this right, the benefits will far exceed the planning expense.

Marty will provide revisions from Marty, give Fred the opportunity to provide input.

Designees:

FWP	Dave Landstrom
	Floating member?
DNRC	Steve Lorch
	Mike Collins
FGP	Fred Jones
	Nancy Woodruff
City	Karl Cozad
	Mike Jenson
County	Jim Watson
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Karl moves, Nancy seconds, authorizing issuance of the retainer from the 1 million. Scope of the services are to be determined, pending input from Fred, and contracting party to be determined.

Motion carries unanimously.

Next Meeting:
Structure and decision making of the group
Review revised SOW and make a decision to enter into contract

Location and Date: April 8, 3-5 Glacier Bank of Whitefish